

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The Department of Health Services informed the Board that it is conducting an investigation into an allegation that a nurse manager at King/Drew Medical Center was selling Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification cards to other employees without them taking the class or exam. If this allegation proves true, it has once again put County patients at King/Drew at risk.

To protect County patients at King/Drew and the public, it is vital to determine who purchased these cards to ensure that medical clinicians and other staff have training in the latest CPR techniques.

Further, since the incident occurred in August, the Department must account for the delay in reporting it to the Board.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Director of Health Services to report back in one week with a detailed plan of how the Department will ensure that caregivers at King/Drew have competent CPR skills including what steps the Department plans to initiate to improve the oversight and monitoring of certification courses in County facilities, and explain the delay in reporting the incident to the Board; and
2. Direct the Auditor/Controller, the Health Authority Law Enforcement (HALT) Team, and County Counsel to work with the District Attorney's office to identify the possibility of a criminal filing in this case.

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